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### **FORM PTO-1082**

#### **TRANSMITTAL FOR NEW U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
For: **ENCODING AND DECODING METHOD AND SYSTEM**  
Inventor(s): Michael SHAFIR  
Attorney Docket: 25710

Commissioner:

Attached hereto is the application identified above, including:

25 Pages Application Consisting of:  
13 Pages of Textual Specification  
4 Pages of 19 Claims  
1 Abstract of the Disclosure  
7 Sheets of drawings.  
— Preliminary Amendment  
x Executed Inventor's Declaration  
— Unexecuted Inventor's Declaration  
— Assignment and cover sheet  
— Priority Document  
— Information Disclosure Statement

The Government filing fee\* is calculated as follows:

Total Claims . . . . .	19 - 20 = 0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims . . . . .	9 - 3 = 6	x \$84.00 =	\$504.00
Base Fee . . . . .			\$750.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (\$280.00) . . . . .			\$ 0.00
	Subtotal . . . . .		\$1254.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE\***  
(accounting for small entity status) . . . . . \$627.00

\*Reduced by one-half, as applicant(s) is/are a "small entity".  
Applicant asserts eligibility for Small Entity Status.

Benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. ' 119(e) from U.S.  
Provisional Patent Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Foreign priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. ' 120 from  
\_\_\_\_\_ Patent Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Priority document(s) will be submitted at a later date.

Priority document(s) is/are submitted herewith.

Executed Declaration(s) will be submitted at a later date  
pursuant to 37 CFR ' 1.41 and ' 1.53, with an appropriate  
surcharge under 37 CFR ' 1.16(e).

Formal drawing(s) is/are attached.

Formal drawing(s) will be submitted at a later date.

Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith; the recorda-  
tion fee of \$40.00 per document is enclosed herewith.

Assignment document will be submitted at a later date.

A Verified Translation will be submitted at a later date.

No payment is enclosed at this time. Full payment will be  
made when the executed Declaration is submitted.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$ 627.00. The  
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or  
credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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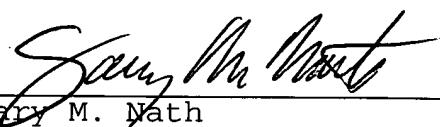
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) PTO Form-1082
- (2) 25 page Application consisting of:
  - 13 pages Textual Specification
  - 4 pages of 19 claims
  - 1 page containing the Abstract of the Disclosure
  - 7 sheets drawings
- (3) Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
- (4) Check No. 19399 \$ 627.00 for filing fee and additional independent claims as a small entity
- (5) Postcard for early notification of serial number.

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